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THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF EUROPE.

There are indications that the republics of Europe are about to be organized. England is a republic in all but name. France is one beyond all peradventure. Italy is Germany. Italy and Spain, the great body of the population are republicans in theory. A change will probably come over Europe after Kaiser William's death. The Kingdom of Sweden is even now shaken by a popular democratic agitation. King Oscar, a descendant of the French adventurer Darnatelle, has repeatedly said at the distance of the popular will as expressed through the Norwegian Storting. And as a consequence there is a determination on the part of that nation to resist all attempts at autocratic rule. King Oscar may yet see his crown in all but name, for he has followed the fundamental law by making the same pretensions which Charles I. of England made. There are stirring times ahead for the peoples of Europe.

LEARN A TRADE, BOYS.

Boys, learn a trade. Learn a trade even if you are in a position which may seem to insure you against want as long as you may live. You may not follow a trade for a living, but time invested in learning a trade, and learning it thoroughly, is the laying away of a capital stock on which you may find it very convenient to draw some day. Life is said to be an uncertain existence. It is, so far as wealth is concerned. You may be a rich man to-day, but you may suddenly find yourself without a cent. You have an "excellent" reserve fund to draw from. Not only learn the theory of a trade, but learn its practice, worth and honor it thoroughly. In the "Gentleman's Magazine" for November, 1883, the "Committee on Apprenticeship" has reported in favor of reorganizing the old system of indentured apprentices until they reach their majority. John W. Britton, of New York, said: "One of the serious wants of this country, and our trade is good boys. Our boys are deteriorating, as are our men. The greatest difficulty that we experience in New York is that of getting boys who have brains and are willing to learn a trade thoroughly. The examples of men who have made millions in a few years, is held up before our eyes in school, and the boys become infatuated with the notion that they must make their millions and be able to found cross-roads colleges before they die. So they eschew trades and become poor professionals. America today depends upon Europe for her most skilled and most energetic men, simply because her young men slight the minutiae of the trade they go to learn, and merely obtain a superficial or general knowledge of it. We have too many professional men in the country to-day, and as the speaker above referred to says, our schools love to dwell too much on the achievements of professional men. A man with a trade, a trade well learned, next to the farmer, is the most independent, and most to be envied among men. He is prepared for any emergency."

THE NEXT ELECTIONAL VOY.

The following is the number of votes that each State will cast in the next Electoral College, with the States divided politically as they voted at the last election:

DEMOCRATIC.	REPUBLICAN.
Alabama.....	7
Arkansas.....	7
California.....	22
Colorado.....	3
Connecticut.....	5
Delaware.....	3
Florida.....	9
Georgia.....	12
Idaho.....	3
Illinois.....	23
Indiana.....	14
Iowa.....	11
Kansas.....	7
Louisiana.....	9
Maine.....	3
Massachusetts.....	11
Michigan.....	13
Minnesota.....	11
Mississippi.....	7
Montana.....	3
Nebraska.....	7
Nevada.....	3
New Hampshire.....	3
New Jersey.....	14
New York.....	36
North Carolina.....	11
Ohio.....	21
South Carolina.....	7
Texas.....	12
Vermont.....	3
Virginia.....	12
Washington.....	5
West Virginia.....	5
Wisconsin.....	11
Wyoming.....	3
Total.....	534

The total electoral vote is 401, of which 204 are necessary to elect. Clinging to the States as they voted at the last election, the Democrats have 247 and the Republicans 154, but the majority would be reversed to 218 Republican and 188 Democratic by taking the fairly debatable States of New York and Ohio out of the Democratic column.

It is evident now that Ohio and New York will be the centres of the great contest of next year. The Republicans must carry both of these to win, as the 140 electoral votes of Ohio and New York would give them a majority. Ohio is naturally a Republican State with the party united, and New York is as naturally a Democratic State with the Democratic harmonious. Ohio is the only State that holds a preliminary election in October, and as the Republicans must carry it in October to have a fighting chance for the Presidency, that battle will doubtless be one of the most desperate of modern times.

The two parties are now facing each other for the great conflict, and nearly every chance of success is at stake. The battle on trial the Republicans with the President and the Senate and the Democrats with the House, and the party that serves the country best, will best serve itself in the election of the next President.

LITERARY.

ST. NICHOLAS, FOR DECEMBER.

Captain Mayne Reid's new and exciting serial, "The Land of Fire," is the last work of the veteran story-teller. Copiously and cleverly illustrated by Kelly is the highly original "Maggie's Dangerous Ride," the first of Prof. Boyesen's "Tales of Two Continents," with splendid illustrations by Henry Sandham of the hero's adventurous journey on a reindeer; and Frank R. Stockton's representation by a more than usually unusual fairy tale, with appropriate illustrations by Birch. "Edouard Frere and his Child Pictures" are the subject and title of a delightful paper by Mrs. Lizzie W. Champney, with reproductions of six of his more famous works and with some added pencil sketches by J. W. Champney. A "Duel in a Desert" is a very long story, and as is the series of pictures and verses entitled "The Well-Read Hunter." Then there is a Christmas play by E. S. Brooks, with a full page drawing by R. B. Birch of "Bringing in the Yule Log," and the same artist furnishes the colored Christmas frontispiece; there is also a description of a "Children's Christmas Club," by Ella S. Sargent; and a great deal besides, forming altogether a rousing Christmas number of over a hundred pages of splendid stories, instructive sketches, beautiful pictures and poems, and fun for everybody, good measure, pressed down, and running over into the next year to follow, enough to give the whole volume a holiday flavor, and still have something left for another year.

THE DECEMBER CENTURY.

A portrait of Peter Cooper, engraved on wood by Thomas Johnson from a photograph taken a few months before his death, is the frontispiece of the December number. Mr. Susan N. Carter, who is at the head of the Woman's Art School of the Cooper Institute, contributes an anecdotal paper which throws much light on Mr. Cooper's ideas and his generous aims in promoting the education of young women for skilled occupations. Dr. Charles Waldstein contributes an instructive illustrated paper on "The Frieze of the Parthenon," with special reference to a recent discovery by himself in connection with the Athens. An interesting paper on "Dover, England, the 'Palest Country in England,'" is the opening illustrated article, and contains nine charming sketches. "In a profusely illustrated paper on Los Angeles, entitled, 'Robbers from the City of Angels,' H. H. Closes her series of picturesque articles on Southern California. Professor J. Rendel Harris writes of 'The Original Documents of the New Testament,' and gives an interesting illustrated account of a discovery which the author believes that he has made with regard to the text of the Bible and other ancient manuscripts. In addition the December Century is ably supplemented by such well as interesting. It offers papers of these kind, namely, the much-discussed 'Great Winners,' George W. Cable's new romance, 'Dr. Sevier,' which was begun in the November number; and the first part of Robert Grant's story of New York life, 'An Average Man,' which will run through six numbers. Besides, it prints the conclusion of Henry James's novelette, 'The Impressions of a Cousin,' and a novel and humorous short story, 'One Chapter,' by a new American writer, Miss Grace Denio Littlefield. More extracts from Robert Louis Stevenson's graceful and humorous narrative of mountain life in California, 'The Silverado Squatters,' are given in the December number, which concludes it so far as the Century is concerned. The whole narrative will be issued later in book form. 'Topics of the Time' contains editorial articles entitled 'Central Park in Danger,' and 'The Spiritual Effects of Drunkenness,' and among the contributions to 'Open Letters' are a review of 'Recent American Novels,' a reply to a recent Century editorial on 'Temperance Outlook,' by Walter Farrington, and 'Hurricane Gladness,' by the Rev. Washington Gladden.

FRANK LESLIE'S POPULAR MONTHLY.

The December number brilliantly closes the sixteenth volume of this highly popular magazine, and now is the time to subscribe for the coming year. The opening article is by Benjamin V. Abbott, embracing a most interesting history of 'The Chief-Justices of the United States,' with nine portraits and illustrations. The other prominent illustrated articles are: 'Memories of India,' by Mr. Howard Russell; 'Pizarro and the Fall of the Incas Empire,' by Alfred H. Guernsey; and 'Calcutta, the City of Palaces,' by Victor M. Hollisworth. Janet E. Runtz describes 'The Kitchens of Our Grandmothers,' and Noel Ruthven 'English Elections.' A new serial, entitled, 'A Dark Deal,' by E. W. P. P. is commenced, and there are short stories, sketches, poems, etc. by M. S. Keenan, Amanda M. Douglass, E. N. Gunnison, Westland Moore, George M. Smith, D. S. Bridges, etc. The illustrations are very numerous, and the price, 25 cents a number, or \$3 a year, postpaid. Mrs. Frank Leslie, Publisher, 55, 57 and 59 Park Place, New York.

John Bright denounces former suffragette, Miss H. A. L. Bright, who has been taken to the lecture platform in favor of it.

Mrs. Belva Lockwood, the female lawyer, is again permitted to practice before the pension office. Her charges against her having been withdrawn.

A New Orleans paper says that a girl named Annie, who had been burned while attempting to extinguish a fire, was so badly burned that she died.

SOMERS OF ROMSEY.

LORD PALMERSTON AND A WORKING MAN.

Hon. Seal Down in New York Observer.

In the N. Y. Observer of the 4th of October was an article headed "Romsey Abbey Church," which reminded me of a visit I made to that old town some years ago, which from its vicinity to Southampton and its connection with the South of England, where the results of the Conquest were first felt, has a history of its own. I was met at the station by a gentleman whom I had never seen before, and taken to his most hospitable home, where I was placed immediately at ease, as strangers always are in English homes. On the morning of the 11th I was taken to the town, to see its antiquities, and then to his place of business, the largest by far in the town in his line, that of a draper. The town has many breweries and public houses—grocery-shops—and our talk turned upon topics suggested by them and their relation to the general good. My host said: "On the first of April, 1840, I was a drunken journeyman tailor with a wife and two children, and not a penny in pocket and with no credit by which I obtain a loaf of bread. On that day I signed the pledge and have never tasted strong drink since. I sometimes had jobs of work on hand for myself outside my master's shop, and I had then a sum of money to make. I kept closely to my house until this was finished, and on carrying it home I received the price—thirty shillings and six pence. On my way back I was seen and accosted by two of my drunken comrades. 'Hallo Somers,' they said, 'where have you been the week? We've not seen you at the White Hart.' 'No, I've been busy at work.' 'Come, old fellow, let's go in now and have a drink.' 'No, I've done with that, no more drink for me.' 'Where you don't mean it, you've not joined the teetotalers.' 'Yes, I have, and I've bound to stick.' 'What! have you signed the pledge?' 'Yes, and the best job I ever did.' 'Ah! Somers, you've damned yourself!'

Somers took the money from his pocket, all in silver, and showing it to them said: 'I've got that by it any way, thirty-six and six, and by this time next year I'll make it thirty-six pound ten.' 'O-o-o!' said his interlocutors, they had never seen before so much money at one time. 'Within the year I made it ninety-five pounds, and this was the way of it: In my little house of only one room I took in my work. With children, I and the tailor shop, all in one room. A gentleman of a neighborhood, who knew me as a drunken vagabond, passed my shop every day, and occasionally stopped to exchange a few words with me, and in that way learned of me what my resolution was for the future. One day in passing he stopped and said: 'Somers, this place you have is a very poor one for your business.' 'Yes, sir, I know that, but it's the best I can have at present; by and by perhaps I can venture to hire a better place.' 'If you had some drapery and some ready-made clothing to sell, could you work it in with your trade and make something?'

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